

**Williamsburg Bird Club**  
**Sept 17, 2025**

Hybrid meeting. Conducted in person at Quarterpath Rec Center, Room 2. Quarterpath Rd, Williamsburg,  
and via Zoom hosted by Ann Carpenter at 6pm.

**Attendance:** 21 in person; 14 via Zoom

**President's Remarks:** President Nancy Barnhart welcomed everyone present and on Zoom. She reported that after this evening's program, there would be a brief period of announcements about upcoming events and a free raffle.

**Program:** Patty Maloney introduced our guest speaker, Jamie Wick, who is a freelance photographer and computer specialist. His work focuses on nature and conservation themes. He has been published in *Sierra*, *Living Bird*, and *Virginia Wildlife* magazines. Jamie gave a lovely illustrated presentation on the birds and other wildlife in "Costa Rica: Exploring the Osa Peninsula and the Tarcoles River"

**Announcements:**

**Field Trips – George Martin, Field Trip Coordinator:** George reported the following:

- **Saturday, September 20** – Jamestown Beach Event Park. Bring your chair and binoculars for a couple of hours of casual birding starting at 8 am. Babs Griffin will keep the eBird list. This field trip is accessible to most folks with mobility issues.
- **Saturday, October 18** – Eastern Shore. More info to come.

**Bird Walks – Scott Hemler:** Scott reported the following:

- **Saturday, September 27:** Monthly 8 am bird walk at New Quarter Park. George Martin will be the leader.

**Newsletter - The Flyer, VP Mary Ellen Hodges, Editor:** Nancy reported that Mary Ellen's deadline for submissions to the October issue is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that Mary Ellen is retiring as editor of our newsletter and that we will need a new editor for *The Flyer* which is published nine times a year. Mary Ellen has volunteered to help the new editor with the January 2026 issue.

**SUPPORT THE 2025 CVWO BIRDATHON:** Shirley Devan encouraged the membership to join in CVWO's biggest annual fundraiser as a participant in a team or to donate to support a participating team. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Bird Count – Shirley Devan, Chairperson/Compiler:** Shirley reported that this year it will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. She invited all members to join either on participating teams or as feeder watchers. The last CBC had 131 participants with a total count of 112 species.

**Programs – Patty Maloney, VP Programs:** Patty reported the following upcoming programs:

- **October 25:** Dan Cristol, Chancellor Professor of Biology at William & Mary, will give us a preview of his upcoming book, **Life Bird**.
- **November 19:** James Abbott, environmental educator at James River Association, will give a presentation about his trip to New Zealand.

### **Updates**

- Nancy Barnhart is giving nature walks for Colonial Williamsburg once a month at 8 am on Bassett Trace Trail. She welcomed the membership to join her.

**End of Meeting:** A free raffle was held and refreshments enjoyed.

Nancy Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Millar, Secretary Williamsburg Bird Club  
September 26, 2025